

HB 942 -- Virtual Education

Sponsor: Swan

This bill adds virtual courses to the postsecondary courses that can be offered to high school students participating in dual enrollment classes. The Department of Higher Education, in conjunction with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, is required to develop best practices for virtual delivery of postsecondary courses, including specific guidelines, for use by the 2014-15 academic year.

The bill allows remedial or credit recovery courses to be delivered through the state's virtual school or a district's or charter school's virtual program as long the course meets the appropriate requirements. Schools must monitor the submission of work on behalf of a student in the course to assure it is the work of the student, including provisions for proctoring. A school district that uses a contractor to provide virtual courses must ensure that the contractor meets these requirements.